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(57) Abstract: There is provided a combination treatment for slowing or arresting the progression and/or effecting the regression of atherosclerotic plaque deposits in a mammalian patient, said combination treatment including the administration to the patient of a cholesterol lowering drug such as a statin, and the administration to the patient of an aliquot of a patient's own blood which has been treated ex vivo with one or more stressors selected from an oxidative environment, thermal stress and UV light.

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Claims Nos.: 1, 2, 4-10, 17-20

Present claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 17-20 relate to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely "cholesterol lowering drug".

The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such products/compounds/methods/apparatus. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the product/compound/method/apparatus by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds individually structurally identified by name in the claims, with due regard to the therapeutic application mentioned in the claims.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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